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In re application of : DECISION ON PETITION  
Louis M. Traino : TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Application No. 10/662,174 : (APPLICANT'S AGE)  
Filed: September 15, 2003 :  
For: ADJUSTABLE READING TABLE

This is a decision on the petition submitted on August 25, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

The petition is **DENIED**.

An application may be accorded special status upon the filing of a petition providing evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years old. Such a showing may be provided by evidence such as a birth certificate or a **statement from the applicant**.

The evidence submitted with the petition was a declaration for Mr. Nauert indicating that he is at least 65 years of age signed by the Applicant's Attorney. As stated in the above paragraph the declaration must be from the applicant, therefore signed by the applicant.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Steve Meyers (703) 308-3868.

The application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

  
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